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SUBJECT: BOLIVIANS AWAIT US RECOGNITION

1. SIX DAYS AFTER THE COUP THAT BROUGHT JUAN PEREDA TO POWER, US RECOGNITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE A SUBJECT OF LOCAL SPECULATION AND, IN SOME CASES, CONCERN. THE PEREDA REGIME WAS RECOGNIZED BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, PARAGUAY AND THE USSR ON JULY 25; ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, RECOGNITION WAS ACCORDED BY JAPAN, URUGUAY AND SOUTH AFRICA.

2. MANY BOLIVIANS SEEM TO CONSTRUE RECOGNITION AS TANTAMOUNT TO APPROVAL OR AS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LEGITIMACY. ALTHOUGH PEREDA AND HIS ADVISERS KNOW BETTER, THEY ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THIS WIDESPREAD MISCONCEPTION, CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN, OR IN FACT, WHETHER, THE UNITED STATES WILL RECOGNIZE THE PEREDA REGIME IS BECOMING SOMEWHAT OF AN ISSUE.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO DAMPEN CONCERN ABOUT THE US POSITION, A

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"HIGH-LEVEL" SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD REPORTERS ON JULY 27 THAT THE PEREDA GOVERNMENT EXPECTS RECOGNITION BY THE US TO COME "WITHIN A FEW DAYS MORE OR A FEW DAYS LESS." THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT THE US IS INCLINED TO CONTINUE ITS CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOLIVIA ONCE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PEREDA GOVERNMENT ARE CLARIFIED. IN CONCLUSION, HE STATED:

"THE ACT OF RECOGNITION IS LARGELY A FORMALITY..., (AND)
TRADITIONAL BILATERAL RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AND
COOPERATION WILL BE MAINTAINED DESPITE ANY EVENTUALITY."

4. THE EC AMBASSADORS HAVE REFERRED THE RECOGNITION
QUESTION TO THEIR CAPITALS, WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT
THEY RECOGNIZE IN CONCERT.
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